

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF SALT PAN LANDS IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have taken a decision for the development of Salt Pan lands in Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government has shown interest in developing this land;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the manner in which this land is likely to be developed;
- (f) whether the Union Government have received any representations from the public representatives in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(e): The Union Government has decided to transfer the Salt Panlands at Mumbai from the Department of Industrial Policy& Promotion to the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation to develop the same in cooperation with the Govt. of Maharashtra. It has also constituted a Group of Ministers to examine the issues relating to utilisation of surplus salt lands.

(f)&(g): Yes, Sir. Communication has been received from Sh. Kirit Somaiya, Hon'ble member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) suggesting utilization of salt land for mass housing projects, commercial exploitation, development of public amenities, resettlement of slums and development of marine mangrove park as Eco-tourism environment project.